

45. The system of claim 44, wherein the digital content is locked by encryption and unlocked by decryption.

46. The system of claim 44, wherein the physical electronic key and the playing device include means for communicating the key code to the playing device.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were pending. These claims have been canceled. New claims 26-46 have been added. Submitted herewith is a clean set of claims.

It is the Applicant's belief that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and action towards that end is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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